

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

AARON CLARK #222915,

Plaintiff,

v.

DANA NESSEL, et al,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-CV-1129

Hon. JANE M. BECKERING

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Pro se plaintiff has filed a motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No. 3), which has been referred to the undersigned for disposition. “Appointment of counsel in a civil case is not a constitutional right. It is a privilege that is justified only by exceptional circumstances.” *Lavado v. Keohane*, 992 F.2d 601, 605-06 (6th Cir. 1993). No such circumstances exist here. On a practical level, the Court has no funds with which to pay appointed counsel in a civil case and no power to order a civil lawyer to handle such a case *pro bono*. Upon due consideration, the appointment of counsel is not warranted and plaintiff’s motion (ECF No. 3) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 30, 2024

/s/ Ray Kent

RAY KENT

United States Magistrate Judge